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Applicant: Marc Hamel et al.
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Examiner: B. R. Gordon
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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS
FOR ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 CFR §1.104(E)**

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Dear Sir:

Applicants have received the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance with the July 19, 2005 Notice of Allowance regarding the above-identified application. While Applicants agree with the Examiner that the claims are allowable over the cited art, entry of the Statement into the record should not be construed as agreement with or acquiescence in the reasoning stated by the Examiner, or with the Examiner's characterization of the allowed claims. Each of the claims stands on its own merits and is patentable because of the combination it recites and not because of the presence or absence of any one particular element, or the Examiner's characterization of the terms in the claims.

The Examiner's Statement was not prepared by Applicants and it apparently contains the Examiner's position regarding one reason for allowability with respect to only one of the claims.

Thus, any interpretation with respect to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance should not be imputed to the Applicants.

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Respectfully submitted,

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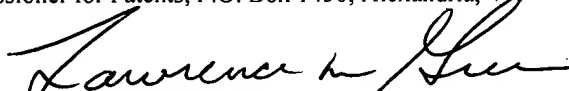
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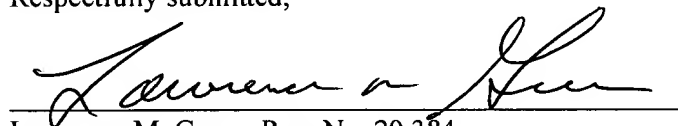
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